

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 13-24 (canceled).

Claim 25. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

a mold;  
a temperature-controlled ram having an axial bore;  
means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;  
a displacement arm movably mounted within the axial bore of the temperature-controlled ram; and  
means for selectively moving the displacement arm within the axial bore of the temperature-controlled ram and into and out of the mold.

Claim 26. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

a mold;  
a temperature-controlled ram having an axial bore;  
means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;  
a tube located within the axial bore and communicating with the mold;  
a source of gas connected to the tube; and  
means for supplying gas from the source through the tube and

into the mold.

Claim 27. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

a mold;

a temperature-controlled ram comprising a porous internal space and a flexible sheath surrounding the porous internal space;

means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;

a source of cooling water under pressure; and

means for feeding cooling water under pressure to the porous internal space of the temperature-controlled ram to expand the flexible sheath within the mold.

Claim 28. (new) An apparatus for producing consumable products having an outer shell comprising:

a mold;

a temperature-controlled ram comprising a porous internal space and a shell of rigid material surrounding the porous internal space, the shell is provided with a passage which communicates the porous internal space with the mold when the temperature-controlled ram is located in the mold, said passage is covered by a diaphragm;

means for selectively moving the temperature-controlled ram into and out of the mold;

a source of cooling water under pressure; and

means for feeding cooling water under pressure to the porous internal space of the temperature-controlled ram for expanding the diaphragm into the mold.